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**FORMER SEMINARY BOOKKEEPER ADMITS TO STEALING
OVER \$950,000 FROM EMPLOYER**

(SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS) This afternoon a former accountant/bookkeeper admitted to stealing \$967,371 from the Oblate School of Theology (OST) in San Antonio.

Appearing before United States Magistrate Judge Nancy Stein Nowak, 40-year-old **SHARON CAMERON** pled guilty to one count of bank fraud. As a result, Cameron faces up to 30 years in federal prison, a maximum fine of \$1 Million, and restitution to the seminary.

From approximately November, 1992 until September, 2001, Cameron was employed by OST. Her work duties included the issuance of checks from the bank accounts of OST as payments for invoices and bills received by the school. During her employment at OST, Cameron devised a scheme to defraud the school and its bank by issuing checks made out to herself. Cameron prepared the checks using a signature plate that she kept at her desk. Officials at OST, who were authorized to approve checks, were not aware of the checks that Cameron was issuing to herself. In addition to the checks payable to herself, Cameron also issued unauthorized checks to third parties, and made personal purchases using the OST accounts. Cameron also used OST funds to make a \$3,000.00 personal loan to herself which was never repaid.

Cameron remains in federal custody pending sentencing.

This case resulted from a six-month-long investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Assistant United States Attorney Charles L. Jenkins is prosecuting this case on behalf of the Government.

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